



IFSS Committees and Commissions

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I. COMMITTEES

The Committees are appointed by the Board.

A. The following Committees report directly to the President, Helen Lundberg

(president(at)sleddogsport.net)

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Knut Arne Holte, Norway (*kah(at)advh.no*)

~ Implement the Disciplinary Code and Procedures

ANTI-DOPING COMMITTEE

email: *antidoping(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Owe Johnson (Sweden)

Members: Caroline Griffiths (USA), Anne-Grethe Sætrang (Norway), Tommy Gustavsson (Sweden), Sergio Maffi (Italy)

~ Review IFSS Anti-Doping Rules annually.

~ Keep IFSS abreast of and updated on anti-doping regulations and procedures as per WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

~ Advise member organizations on doping issues.

~ Follow-up on doping cases brought to its attention.

B. The following sport Committees are under the direction of Vice President of Sport

(sport(at)sleddogsport.net)

WORLD CUP/ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

email: *accreditation(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Bernard P  pin (France)

Members: Eeva   ij  l   (Finland)

~ Review all the applications for World Cup races.

~ Evaluate the frequency and the breakdown of the WCp and make recommendations.

~ Review the World Cup Regulations annually and make recommendations to the VP for Sport.

~ Calculate World Cup points.

~ Investigate the development of the various disciplines and make recommendations for the program of future World Championships.

RACE JUDGES and RACE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

email: *rules(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Jim Cunningham (Canada)

Members: Nils Finsrud (Norway), Steinar Johansen (Norway), Eeva   ij  l   (Finland)

~ Advise the VP of Sport on all matters concerning the IFSS judges.

~ Evaluate the needs for judges training and develop or accredit training programs.

~ Maintain a list of accredited judges in cooperation with the member federations.

~ Train judges training instructors.

~ Keep the judges up to date with the IFSS regulations.

~ Review on an annual basis existing race rules and develop new race rules for the activities not yet formalized.

~ Develop technical rules to help race organizers (i.e. trail layout, marking, etc).

ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

email: *welfare(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Jerry Vanek (USA)

Members: Sergio Maffi (Italy), Jorge Luque Carrido (Spain), Anette Johansson (Sweden), Aurelie Delattre (France/Sweden/USA)

- ~ Advise the VP for Sport on health legal requirements for dogs and humans in the WCh countries.
- ~ Propose minimum health requirements (i.e. mandatory vaccinations) for the WCh events.
- ~ Propose animal welfare regulations to be integrated into the IFSS rules.
- ~ Maintain a list of veterinarians and doctors in cooperation with the member federations to keep them updated with new local or IFSS regulations.

C. The following Committees are under the direction of Vice President of Development

(development(at)sleddogsport.net)

INCLUSIVE GLOBAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

email: *globalaccess(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Wiebke Höfers (Norway)

Members: TBA

- ~ Promote access by all to competitive sled dog sports.
- ~ Provide insight and recommendations on appropriate accommodations to ensure safety and participation.
- ~ Celebrate the depth, diversity and accomplishments of our athletes; both human and canine.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

email: *youth(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Elly Mariana Lugo Navarro (Mexico)

Members: Lauren Stierman (USA), Laura Säkjärvi (Finland), Joe Swiffen (UK)

- ~ Propose and implement a youth development program.
- ~ Propose different alternatives to develop junior participation in the World Championships (i.e. separate WCh, new classes, etc.).
- ~ Junior training camp.
- ~ Identify sources of income and propose allocation of the funds to support the youth development.

NORDIC BREED COMMITTEE

email: *nordicbreed(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Anders Hörnlund (Sweden)

Members: Matt Hammersley (UK), Andrea Dér (Hungary), Lisa De Gennaro (Canada), Eric Altermann (New Zealand)

- ~ Review and recommend breeds and / or registry bodies to be included as RNB.
- ~ Recommend standards for compliance with RNB.
- ~ Review and recommend ways to protect the history, tradition and culture of RNB within IFSS.
- ~ Offer input into increasing the participation of RNB.
- ~ Investigate and make recommendations for the development of the RNB Championship options.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

email: *membership(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Bernard Pépin (France)

Members: Estefania Famá (Argentina), Andrea Heinrich (Germany)

- ~ Review applications for membership from potential members and make recommendations to the Council and the General Assembly.
- ~ Provide administrative and technical support to new member associations.
- ~ Come up with suggestions to improve membership applications and procedures.
- ~ Research and come up with suggestions how to improve and renew membership fees and regulations.

II. COMMISSIONS

The Commissions are decided and elected by the General Assembly (Refer to Chapter E of the By Laws for a detailed definition of their responsibilities).

ATHLETES COMMISSION

email: *athletes(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson and Council member: Zuzana Orság (Europe)

Members: Diego Sanchez (Latin America), Ronald Klepadlo (North America), Emily Voderlies (Oceania), Asia TBA

~ Represent the interests of the athletes worldwide in the Council.

~ Submit proposals to the ad hoc committees regarding race rules, race organization, world championship classes, etc. all subject of primary interest to the athletes.

LEGAL COMMISSION

email: *legal(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Lana Paul (New Zealand)

Members: Jörn Verleger (Germany), Gunnar Johnson (USA)

NOMINATING COMMISSION

email: *nominating(at)sleddogsport.net*

Chairperson: Matt Hammersley (UK)

Members: Rüdiger Bartel (Germany), Maria Araoz (Argentina)